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UU bowling alley operates at loss since reopening

By Jill Newhouse
Staff Writer

Mustang Lanes has been in the red since it reopened last winter. And although it was closed two years ago for a rising deficit, a University Union executive said financial stability takes time.

"We expected a pretty rough first year," said University Union Executive Director Roger Conway. "When you open a business, you start from a deficit position."

In anticipation of a difficult first year, the University Union Executive Committee put aside \$99,000 over the alley's budgeted resources last year, should a deficit occur. The actual deficit amounted to \$98,757.

"We expect to lose \$44,000 this year," said Conway. "And, hopefully we will break even in the third year."

Income from open play and from classes has been better than expected, but league play income fell almost \$13,000 below projections, he said.

"You really have to nurture leagues," Conway said. "But the company doing renovations here have not completed their task. There is a real problem with reliability in the lanes."

The company hired to renovate the lanes has not been keeping to its schedule, said Conway, and is being let go, but must finish its contracted work before leaving.

Eric Bohn, U.U. Games Area manager, said he hopes students will begin to think of the alley as more than just a place to bowl.

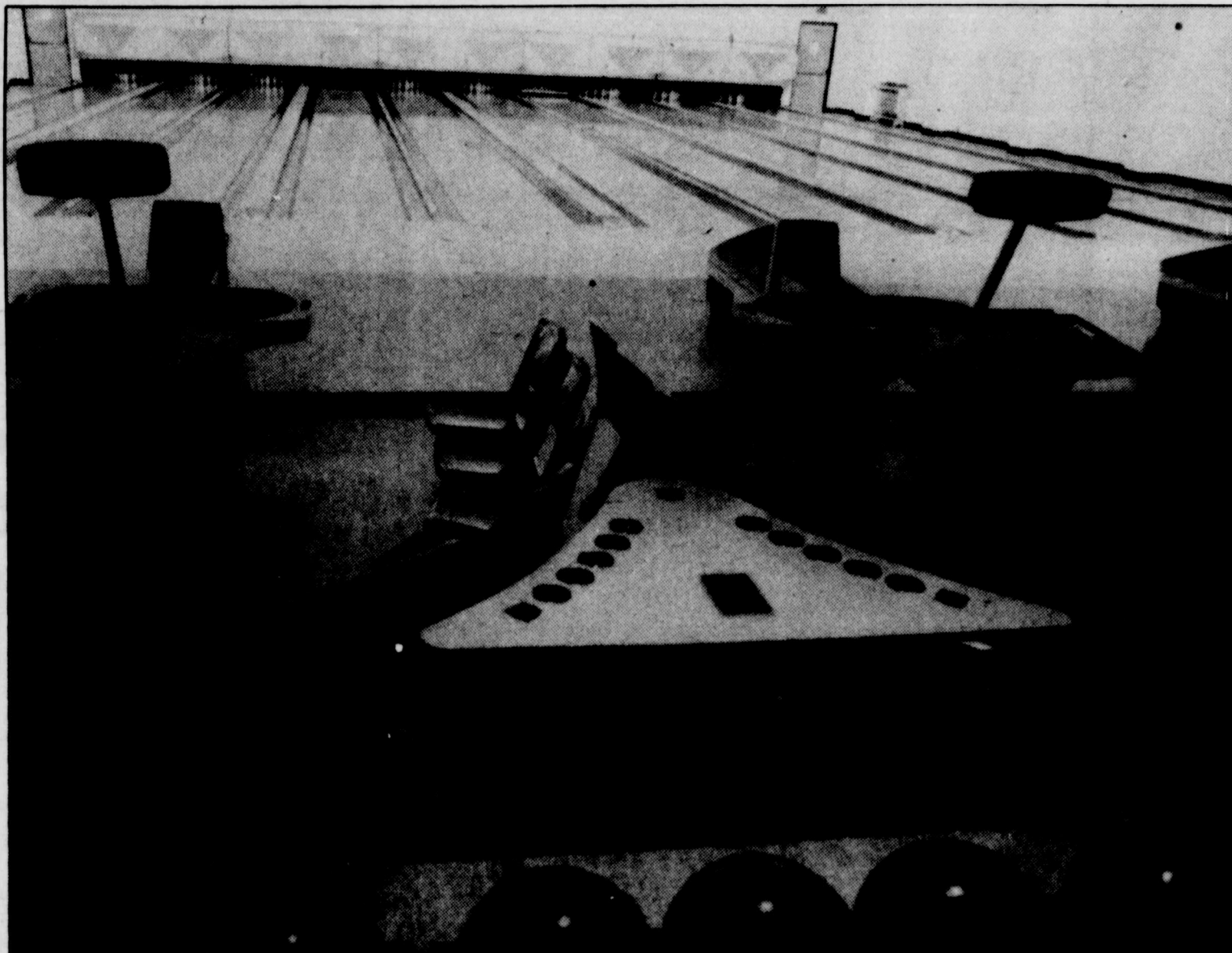
"One of the things we've been trying to get across to people is we want people to feel differently when you walk through the doors here," Bohn said. "People should put down their books and come in here when they have an hour break and need to relax. They can have fun bowling and get their minds off school."

Also, he said, bowling at Cal Poly is cheaper than at other areas around town.

Mustang Lanes charges \$1.40 for a game, compared to \$2 at Laurel Lanes and \$1.95 at Pismo Bowl.

To improve attendance, classes are being offered through the physical education department at the lanes, weekday mornings from 9 to 11.

"The classes have been filling to capacity," said Bohn. "We would like to start offering another one from 11 a.m. to noon. But no plans have been



Mustang Lanes have been in the red since reopening in the winter of 1988.

AMBER WISDOM/Mustang Daily

made yet."

The 10-lane bowling alley had been losing about \$30,000 a year during the mid-1980s. During spring quarter 1986, students approved an initiative to turn the alley space into a fitness center, which closed it in June 1986.

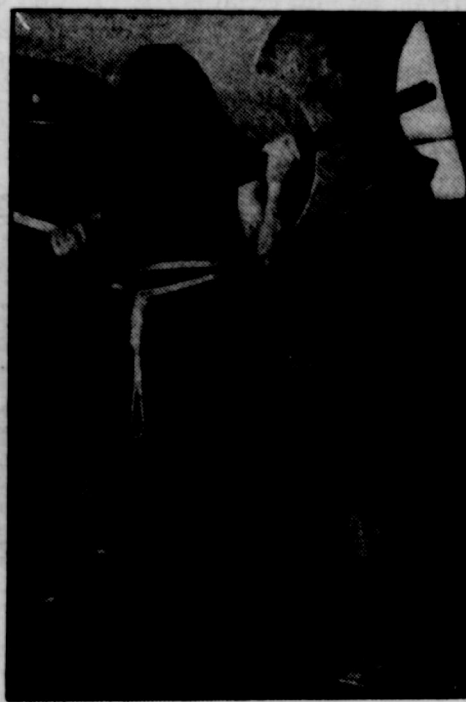
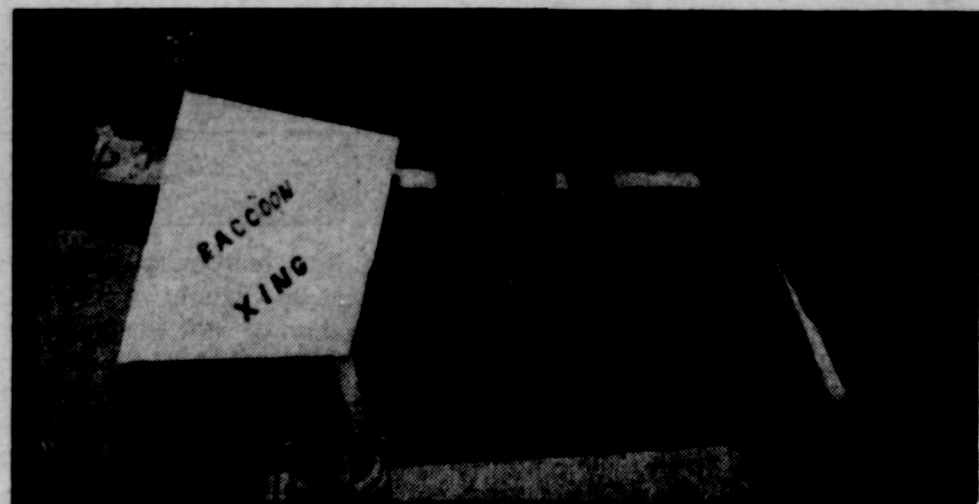
While plans were being drawn for the fitness center, a petition to reopen the alley was circulated by a student group called the Bowler's Coalition. The issue went to student vote during spring quarter 1988, when the alley won over the fitness center.

The alley reopened this January. The \$36,000 for the renovation came from a University Union reserve account.

— Stewart McKenzie contributed to this report.

Killer costumes...

Phil Steinbeck, a city and regional planning senior, and Jeff Clemens, a city and regional planning sophomore, show their stuff in the second annual costume contest for Environmental Design 201 students. Clemens won the contest for his impressive rendition of a road kill, while Steinbeck chose a more cheery costume. He dressed as an executioner.



Photos by T. Shane Gilman

Mayoral candidates to square off at Poly

Forum to be held at Dining Complex

By Karen Kendzor
Staff Writer

The University Dining Complex will be a dining hall by day and a political arena by night this Wednesday, Nov. 1.

An open forum featuring San Luis Obispo mayoral and City Council candidates will begin at 8 p.m. The forum, sponsored by the university's Associated Students Inc., will be free and open to the public, said ASI President Ricardo Echeverria.

"The forum will enable the students to become familiar with the candidates for mayor and City Council. It is of the utmost importance that students make a well-informed decision when they

vote," said Echeverria. "It might even help them to get out and vote as far as sheer numbers are concerned."

Due to the large expected turnout, the event has been moved from its originally scheduled place in Room 220 of the University Union to the dining halls, said Rick Valencia, student relations representative. Valencia said he expects a turnout somewhere between 300 and 400 people. The dining complex can hold a maximum of 500, whereas, U.U. 220 has a maximum capacity of only 95, he added.

"The candidates are coming onto our turf," said Valencia. This may serve as a positive re-

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Lowering the limit...

Reporter Adrian Hodgson advocates lowering the drinking age, but enacting stiffer penalties for drunk driving. Do you agree? Read and see.

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Edging toward Poly Royal...

This year it's not our style to unify through diversity. Instead we envision the "Innovative Edge" as the Poly Royal theme.

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Editorial

Prepare for election at forum

Today marks the beginning of the final-week countdown before the election on Nov. 7. And it also means students are running out of time to become informed about the candidates and their stands on the issues in this year's election.

Reading the registered voter information, fliers and newspaper articles is fine, but there is another way to get information for those who find the reading a bit dry, confusing or inadequate: Attend a candidates' forum.

One such event will be held Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Cal Poly Dining Complex. Sponsored by Associated Students, Inc., the free event will give candidates the opportunity to respond to questions about student-oriented issues and will also give members of the audience the chance to express their specific concerns to the candidates.

Another debate-style forum (sponsored by Cal Poly's Political Science Club, Pi Sigma Alpha and the San Luis Obispo League of Women Voters) will be held the following evening at 6 p.m. in the SLO Veterans' Memorial Building.

Although the second forum has not been set up specifically to address student concerns, it still gives students the chance to see candidates "up close and personal," which is the exact reason students should attend one or both forums.

Many things can be gained from attending a forum besides information contained in the sample ballot, such as added insight into candidates' opinions and personalities. There's nothing quite like seeing how candidates respond under pressure, communicate, carry themselves and interact to set one candidate apart from the others.

A lot rests on this year's election — specifically the mayoral spot and two City Council seats — and if students are to make an impact on the political future of San Luis Obispo, knowing as much as possible about the candidates can only be beneficial.

So, formulate a list of questions you'd like to have addressed by the candidates. If they don't answer them during the forum, track them down afterward and ask them face-to-face. Voters have a right to know how candidates plan to carry out the duties of their jobs once in office.

In a forum atmosphere, access to candidates is easy. Take advantage of such an opportunity.

CORRECTION

A class in the "To Your Health" column Oct. 27 was incorrectly identified. BIO 310X is a credit/no credit elective.

Opinion

Reporter's Notebook



U.S. drinking laws need revising

As you well know, today is Halloween. For those of you who don't have midterms and projects due this week, and even for some of you who do, this means tonight is a night for dressing up and partying.

It also means that the patient, understanding San Luis Obispo police force will be hunting all those naughty men and women called drunk drivers. They will also be looking for the other band of criminals native to Cal Poly, underage drinkers.

As we all know, the legal drinking age in this country is 21. Being born and raised on the other side of the Atlantic (that's Europe for you non-geography buffs), I was used to a sensible drinking age, like 18.

However, when my family moved to California I was quickly yanked three years further away from being legally able to drink.

This absurd age seems hypocritical to me. A young person can drive, marry, vote, go to prison and go to war for his or her country at age 18. So why can't these members of society drink? Federal highway funding? I think not.

Most college students find a way to drink whether they are 21 or not. Why not lower the drinking age to 18 like the rest of the planet?

Now before all you conservatives begin writing letters, let me elaborate. I do believe the legal drinking age should be lowered, but I also believe that adults between the ages of 18 and 21 should be held more in check, at first.

First, the blood-alcohol level for these people to be considered legally drunk should be .05, to begin with. Hopefully, this would prevent them from drinking and driving by making them assign a designated driver before they began drinking. And it might help them to become more responsible as they mature.



By Adrian Hodgson

If this plan was successful, then raise the legal limit to .10, the current standard.

Second, and definitely more importantly, the penalties for drunken drivers, not just those aged 18 to 21, need to be stiffened.

The courts should come down harder on all drunk drivers by revoking their licenses on the first offense and by imposing stiff fines and/or prison terms.

Americans need their cars. To lose their cars would be a disaster. By taking away the criminals' licenses, it would illustrate that drunk driving will not be tolerated.

This is currently done in Great Britain and repeat offenders are few and far between. But in the United States, I can't remember how many times I've heard of people who have been killed by drunk drivers who have been found guilty of the same crime before.

I believe that if the British laws were applied here, we would see the same results that they've seen over there. And it would make the 18 to 21-year-olds think before they drove drunk. If arrested, they would lose their licenses, pay hundreds and maybe thousands of dollars in fines and maybe even spend some of their college career doing time.

Simple things like going to the grocery store or getting to and from work (if they're lucky enough not to lose their jobs) would become monumental tasks. And it would only take a .05 blood-alcohol level for these young adults to be found guilty.

If young adults were allowed to drink legally, and if the penalties for convicted drunk drivers were made tougher, I believe everyone would benefit. The 18 to 21-year-olds would be forced to become responsible about drinking and driving early in adulthood, and older people would be forced to be more conscious about mixing the two.

Letters to the Editor

Book buybacks explain high costs

Editor — I am writing in response to Jay Garner's Oct. 26 column, "Textbooks not worth high prices." The column dealt entirely with a single text. Exposure to a statistics course would teach Garner a sample of one provides very little information about a population. If he has not used high-quality books in other courses, surely many other Cal Poly students have.

Perhaps I could provide an author's viewpoint. Garner claims he is out \$42.10 because of his purchase. But I'm sure he'll sell his book back in December, incurring a net cost of roughly \$21.

Even when I teach from very good books, it is my impression a majority of students in the course sell back their books. When those books are resold, neither the author nor the

publisher earns money, so a book used for three years may be resold as many as 10 times.

Publishers have substantial overhead — personnel, reviewing costs, marketing and sales expenses. If used books weren't such a problem, companies could lower prices and still make a reasonable profit.

For most authors I know, book writing hasn't been a path to financial security. If Garner doesn't earn more in his first job than a typical author, then he should be eligible to participate in many anti-poverty programs.

Jay Devore
Statistics professor

Book revisions cost students, too

Editor — Three cheers for Jay Garner's Oct. 26 column, "Textbooks not worth high prices." The inexcusably high prices

charged for textbooks are most likely set by people who don't care whether or not students can truly afford them. Since textbooks are printed (supposedly) for the benefit of the student, one might think the publishers would have some honorable motives, but such is not the case.

One problem Garner was unable to include is how the book companies make just enough insignificant changes, almost yearly, so they can bring out "new" editions, thereby relegating the used copies of the previous edition to the trash bins, and forcing students to buy another \$40 to \$60 book.

I've been ticked off about this for awhile, and I think it's about time we did something. Perhaps something can be organized to stick a pin in the backsides of our representatives in government. Anybody interested?

Steve Morrow
Architecture

Demonstrators fill the streets of Leipzig

E. German leader to go to Moscow

BERLIN (AP) — East Germans demonstrated for democracy Monday night, filling Leipzig streets before a trip to Moscow by new leader Egon Krenz for talks with the Soviet bloc's champion of reform, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

East German television said about 300,000 people rallied in Leipzig, a city of 650,000.

Activists at the scene told The Associated Press by telephone many of the marchers demanded that the Communist Party give up its monopoly on power.

They said the protesters demanded free elections, freedom to travel and legalization of opposition groups. Recognized political parties must be aligned with the Communist Party under East Germany's constitution.

Pro-democracy demonstrators also assembled in Schwerin, the television reported, but it did not say how many took part.

Krenz reaffirmed the pre-eminence of the Communist Party on Monday, telling military academy graduates it was "at the head of qualitative changes going on in society."

The official news agency ADN said Krenz would leave for the Soviet Union on Tuesday. Krenz has said East Germany can learn much from reforms promoted by Gorbachev, the Soviet president.

That was a major departure from the contention of his 77-year-old predecessor, Erich Honecker, that no changes were

necessary in East Germany's orthodox regime. Krenz replaced Honecker, his mentor, as Communist Party chief Oct. 18.

Weeks of demonstrations for reform have accompanied the flight to the West of tens of thousands of East Germans. The largest protests in the nation's 40-year history have taken place in Leipzig, another one last week involving 300,000 people.

In his speech at the academy, Krenz said "the most decisive factor" in East Germany was "the unity and cohesiveness of the party, without which the unity of our people cannot be achieved."

Opposition groups say the party's leading role must be open to debate.

Democratic Reform said it had joined others in demanding the development of a "democratic consensus." The organization said it would become an active opposition political party by next May.

Krenz appears more open to change than Honecker, but many activists are skeptical, feeling party leaders will block any reform that challenges their monopoly on power.

He has set what he calls "a new course" for the country, promising freer travel abroad and declaring amnesty for demonstrators, people who have fled the country illegally and those who were caught while trying to do so.

Court to hear pension dispute

Decision could affect 30 million workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal protection for 30 million American workers' pensions could be at stake in a dispute the Supreme Court agreed to resolve Monday.

The justices said they will decide what authority the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, a federal agency, has to order employers to revive scraped pension plans.

A federal appeals court limited such authority by setting aside the agency's order that LTV Corp. and its subsidiary, LTV Steel Co., restore three pension plans with unfunded liabilities of \$2.3 billion.

Government lawyers say the ruling, if not overturned, could make the agency "an open-ended source of industry bailouts" and spark a financial crisis similar to the one facing the government's insurance program for the savings and loan industry.

The justices' decision is expected by July. In other matters Monday, the court:

—Let stand rulings that blocked a Nebraska agency from imposing mandatory blood testing for AIDS of employees who come into direct contact with the mentally retarded people the agency serves.

—Turned down an appeal by James Earl Ray, serving a 99-year prison sentence for the 1968 assassination of the Rev.

Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tenn.

—Rejected, in a Virginia case, arguments that states must not favor the clergy over secular humanists in licensing people to perform weddings.

—Barred a lawsuit against the Christian Science church by a Michigan couple whose 15-month-old boy died after they, as church members, were counseled to rely on faith healing and avoid seeking medical help.

—Left intact rulings that may let Urbana, Ohio, ban as obscene five nationally distributed "adult" magazines generally not considered hard-core pornography.

—Agreed to decide whether the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and perhaps other multi-state agencies as well, may be sued in federal courts.

—Said it will use a Chicago drug case to consider expanding the authority of police to search homes without court warrants.

—Was urged during an oral argument session to strike down as "taxation without representation" a federal judge's order that doubled local property taxes to pay for racially desegregating Kansas City, Mo., public schools.

—Heard arguments over a challenge to the partial merger of Detroit's two daily newspa-

pers.

The pensions case focuses on the power of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, the agency that protects the pension benefits of the 30 million Americans who participate in single-employer defined benefit pension plans.

When a pension plan is ended with insufficient money to satisfy promised benefits, the federal agency becomes the pension plan's trustee, taking over its assets and liabilities.

The Dallas-based LTV Corp. and LTV Steel, after filing for reorganization under federal bankruptcy law in 1986, advised the PBGC that they could not and would not fund the three pension plans they sponsored. The plans, which have about 100,000 participants, were terminated in 1987.

In a deal with the United Steelworkers of America union, however, LTV Steel agreed to what government lawyers contend is a "follow-on" arrangement. Under it, LTV agreed to make up any benefits lost to employees because of the pension plans' termination — those benefits not covered by the federal pension insurance program.

The result was employees continued to receive the same benefits they did before the plans were terminated, and payment of unfunded pension liabilities shifted to the PBGC.

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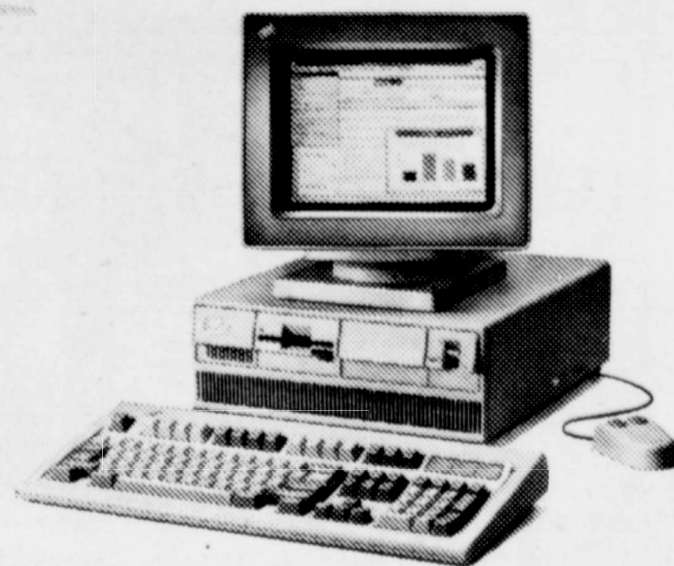


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Senate leaders condemn Ortega

Congress backs Bush, denounces Nicaraguan leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress should honor its commitment to the Bush administration to provide humanitarian aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua through next February's elections there, Senate leaders say.

Despite the weekend exchange of hostilities between President Bush and Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega in Costa Rica, administration officials indicate it is unlikely they will seek a renewal of military aid for the U.S.-backed rebels at this time.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., on Sunday joined Bush's condemnation of Ortega for threatening to end a 19-month cease-fire.

"It was a very unwise move, particularly the timing of it," said Mitchell. Dole, calling Ortega a "tinhorn dictator," said he will present a resolution to the full Senate on Tuesday condemning the Nicaraguan leader.

For his part, Bush on Saturday

called Ortega a "little man" and an "unwanted animal at a garden party" after Ortega said he might no longer honor the cease-fire between his Sandinista government and the U.S.-backed Contras that has been in effect since March 1988.

Although he later said he would decide on Tuesday whether to break the cease-fire, Ortega's original declaration marred a two-day Western Hemisphere conference held in Costa Rica to honor that nation's 100 years as a democracy.

Any effort to renew U.S. military aid to the Contras would be sure to generate strong new opposition in Congress. The agreement reached last spring between the administration and Congress envisions a disbanding of the Contras after the Feb. 25 elections.

The agreement gives congressional committees that oversee Contra aid the authority to cancel a \$49 million aid package when they review it a final time in late November.

Bush, asked at a Saturday news conference on whether he would now press for more aid for the Contras, said, "We'll let you know, we'll let you know."

However, a senior administration official, speaking anonymously, said Bush was not trying to hint that he might seek to renew military aid.

Mitchell, interviewed along with Dole on NBC's "Meet the Press," called Ortega's declaration — which startled participants at the conference — an outgrowth of a rivalry between the Nicaraguan leader and Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

"It is my hope the free and open election process will go forward and that the results will be accepted by the people of Nicaragua," Mitchell said.

He said "we intend to honor" the agreement with the administration last spring to provide humanitarian assistance for the Nicaraguan elections.

Dole said he hoped as a result of Ortega's statements "we'd have quick action on the remaining humanitarian aid."

"There are 2 million people registered to vote" in the election, in which Ortega is a candidate, said Dole. "I think Ortega sees that as a danger to his dictatorship. If it's a fair election, he's gone — which would be good news for everyone."

Supreme Court lets award stand for man exposed to Dow herbicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court let stand a \$1.5 million award won by the family of a U.S. Forest Service employee who died of cancer after his exposure to a Dow Chemical Co. herbicide.

The justices, without comment Monday, refused to hear a Dow appeal aimed at winning a new trial in the product-liability case.

James Greenhill in 1976-77 was seasonally employed by the Forest Service in Oregon, primarily as a firefighter. He also participated in a weed-control project in which he applied Dow herbicides, including dichlorophenoxyacetic acid or 2,4-D.

Greenhill's exposure to 2,4-D ended in 1978 when he was transferred to another national park.

A year later, Greenhill was diagnosed as suffering from Hodgkin's disease. He died in 1986.

Greenhill sued Dow, which is based in Midland, Mich., in 1979 but his lawsuit sat dormant for six years after wrongly being included in a series of suits over Vietnam veterans' exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange. When Greenhill died, his family replaced him as plaintiffs.

A federal jury in Marshall, Texas, awarded the Greenhill family \$1.5 million in damages against Dow in 1987.

At trial, a physician hired as an expert witness by the Greenhill family testified that 2,4-D caused Greenhill's cancer.

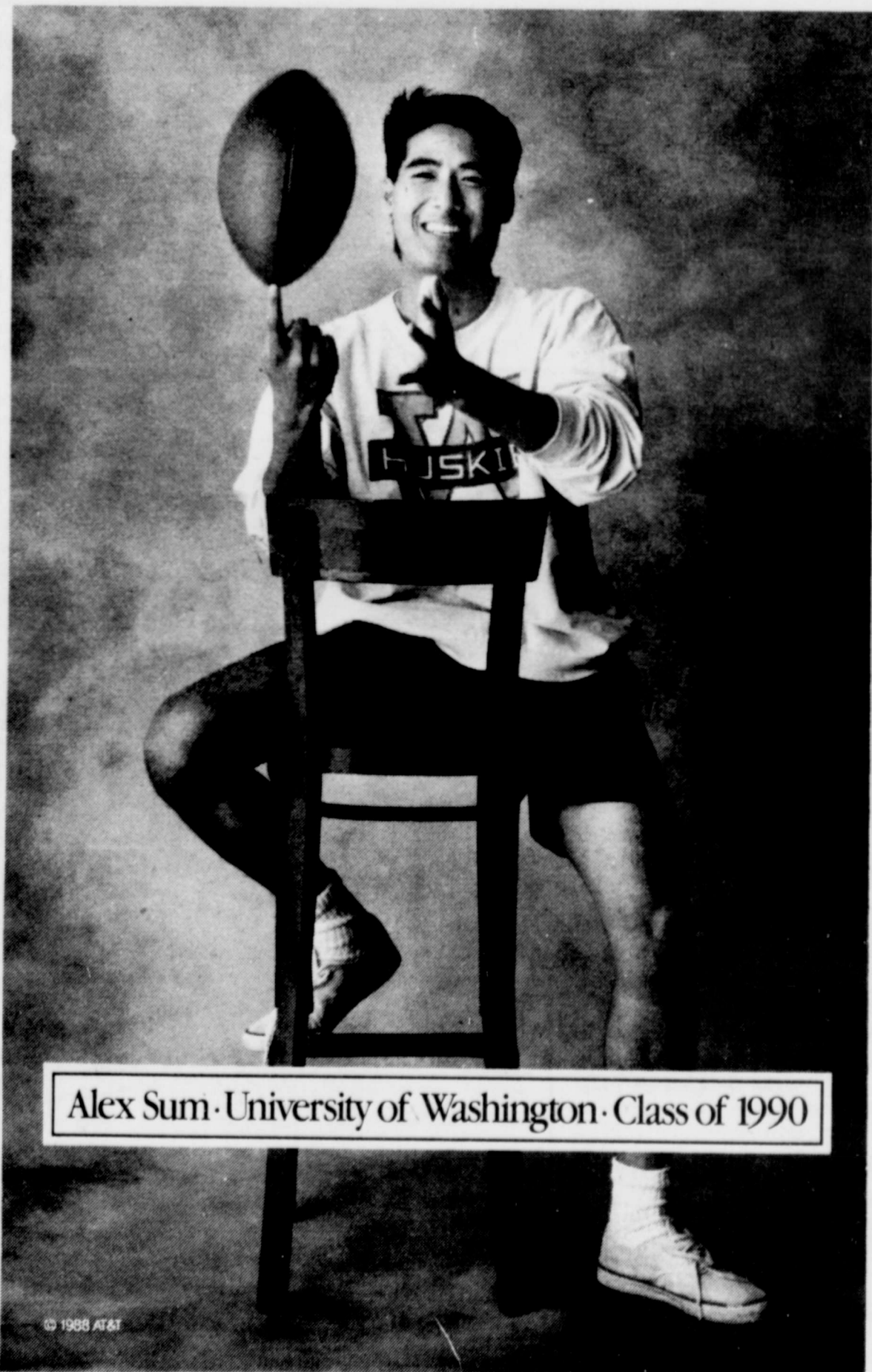
Among the doctor's medical records submitted in the case, those of another patient, Joseph Moss, mistakenly were included.

When a Dow lawyer asked the doctor about Moss, the doctor said he did not know any such person.

In the appeal acted on Monday, lawyers for Dow said they learned after the Greenhill trial that the doctor had known Moss. They said the "newly discovered evidence" entitled Dow to a new trial.

But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected that argument last April 4.

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Board chooses Poly Royal theme

'Innovative Edge' combines 2 entries to create final idea

By Nadya Williams
Staff Writer

"The Innovative Edge" has been selected as the official theme for the 1990 Poly Royal.

This year's theme represents two winners, and is actually a combination of two ideas chosen from more than 390 entries.

Members of the all-student Poly Royal Executive Board selected the suggestions of speech communications freshman Shannon Irons and city and regional planning senior David Rizk.

Irons submitted "The Cutting Edge" as a possible theme, and Rizk suggested "Creative Innovation."

Both the winning contestants and the Poly Royal Board felt that "The Innovative Edge" represented the learning experience at Cal Poly.

"I tried to think about what

Cal Poly means to me and how it's different from the school I used to go to, the University of Kentucky," said Rizk, who submitted "Creative Innovation."

"Here, students are encouraged to think creatively, to be current on things, and to know what's going on in the world. At my old school there was less openness, less stimulation.

"They had nothing like Poly Royal," said Rizk.

Shannon Irons' theme, "The Cutting Edge," came from a desire to focus on the future, and America's ability to be in the forefront.

"I see one of our main tasks as battling capitalism to find the truth," he said. "People in power have tremendous influence to sell us things.

"Billions of dollars are spent in ad campaigns. If the media tells us something more than seven times, it is in our long-term memory.

"We need to create guidelines of responsibility, fair rules for competition so that our country can be the best, can be the forerunner in technology, educa-

tion and in our society, too."

Irons also said he saw a responsibility for the direction of the United States' future and to stay on the cutting edge.

"People need to be more aware of what they're doing," he said, "and not relinquish their power and responsibility to others."

Irons said his theme tied in to being a student at Cal Poly because "this school has a good reputation, and is highly respected — it's one of the best because it teaches us to act with more responsibility for our future."

The Poly Royal Executive Board announced the design contest for the 1990 Poly Royal poster will run through Nov. 13.

Any Cal Poly student may submit a design, and all will be critiqued by student board members as well as graphic design professionals.

Guidelines for poster entries can be picked up on campus at the Poly Royal Office, room 209 in the University Union; the Graphic Communication Department; and the U.U. Information Desk.

Contest stacked for Elvira impersonators

Animal rights activist awarded full-length raccoon coat

PLUM, Pa. (AP) — Animal rights activists figure they got the last laugh on nightclub operators who offered a full-length raccoon coat as a prize in an Elvira look-alike contest: A protester won the contest wearing a costume donated by the real Elvira.

"This is going to be one less fur on the street," said Aileen

Linhard of Animal Care and Welfare, after fellow activist Jeanie Brown, 38, of Pittsburgh won the contest Saturday at Nikki's, a club near Pittsburgh.

About 35 people protested outside while 350 watched the contest.

Cassandra Peterson — an animal rights activist who adopts the Elvira persona on

late-night television in a low-cut black dress — donated the winning costume to a group called Mobilization for Animals.

Browne didn't say what the fate of the coat would be.

Club manager Nick A. Veltri said he thought she entered the contest under false pretenses, but still planned to award the fur.

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enforcement initiating student involvement, he said. Students may be more likely to address the candidates on campus than they would outside of the college atmosphere, he added.

The program will have two parts, each of which will be moderated by Echeverria. A panel of six students has been chosen by the ASI president consisting of Lance Doherty (Interfraternity Council President), Liz Wolski (Panhellenic President), Ellen Sanders (ASI Chairman of the Board), Rick Valencia (Student Relations), Allan Vanderhorst (Commuter Relations) and Nancy McCormick (Director from the School of Liberal Arts).

The first segment of the program will be led by the panel members, said Echeverria. It will consist of a list of prepared

questions touching on student-oriented issues such as the establishment of a Greek Row, the housing ordinance and what types of efforts might be put forth to better the Student-Community Liaison Committee.

The second half of the forum will consist of questions from the audience. "We want to make sure it's a student-run event," said Echeverria.

"The housing issue was the thing that caught everyone's eye this quarter," said Echeverria. "I imagine that will be the one issue that will stand out the most."

Echeverria said he expects questions to be raised in regard to what position was held on the ordinance, the rationale for having it and its perceived effectiveness.

Cal Poly's Political Science Club and Pi Sigma Alpha are hosting a debate-style forum the

following evening, on Nov. 2.

The forum will be moderated by the San Luis Obispo chapter of the League of Women Voters. The event will be held at 6 p.m. in the San Luis Obispo Veterans' Memorial Building at 801 Grand Ave.

Echeverria said Cal Poly's forum is unique in that it is student-oriented and will therefore be held on campus. Although, community members are welcome, he added.

"They're looking for a joint-type of effort between the community and students," said Echeverria. "We just want to target the students."

To further reinforce the forum, leaflets are being printed containing short statements from the candidates. All candidates are expected to participate in Wednesday's forum, said Valencia.

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Man's identity taken by army deserter; the real Ron Ferguson sues for \$5 million

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Ron Ferguson never learned how to salute or put on a military uniform properly because the only time he spent in the Army was after he was arrested as a deserter and threatened with court-martial.

Ferguson, who has sued the Army for \$5 million, says the whole mess began when someone "stole his identity," by taking his name and Social Security number and enlisting.

The Army admits the arrest was in error, but claims it was Ferguson's responsibility to clear up the confusion before it got that far. Ferguson says he

notified a recruiter, whose name he can't remember, several years before the imposter deserted.

Now Ferguson, 35, of Louisville, is awaiting a judge's ruling in the case after a non-jury trial earlier this month in U.S. District Court here. The judge has not indicated when he will rule.

After Ferguson's arrest in June 1985, he spent two days in the Jefferson County jail and nine hours at Fort Knox before his wife, with the assistance of U.S. Rep. Romano Mazzoli's office, got him released.

Ferguson said he was frightened when an officer said he was to be sent to a military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for court-martial.

"All this was new to me," said Ferguson, who said when he was told to put on an Army uniform, he didn't know he was supposed to tuck his pants into his boots. "And just because I didn't put it on right, they made me do push-ups."

Failing to salute a lieutenant brought more push-ups, he said.

The calisthenics, along with sleeping on a concrete floor at the jail for two nights, aggravated a back condition, he said. Besides physical suffering, Ferguson claims his reputation was damaged and he suffered emotional distress — he spent a month in a Louisville psychiatric hospital this year — and damage to his credit rating.

He has had problems with the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration, and demands for payment of the impostor's debts to the Veterans Administration and others, he said.

He claims he was hospitalized

in February because he was paranoid and cautious of others.

A man calling himself Ron Ferguson and using Ferguson's Social Security number joined the Army at Memphis, Tenn., in 1975.

He was sent to South Korea, where he eventually deserted, Ferguson said.

The non-military Ferguson found out about the impostor in 1981 when the IRS said he had not been paying taxes on military income.

"It still puzzles me right now," Ferguson said.

"I wonder why, and of all people, why me," he said. "I have enough problems. I don't need any more problems."

People do give the wrong Social Security number occasionally, either intentionally or by accidentally scrambling the numbers, said Tony Higdon, the Social Security Administration's district manager for Louisville and Jefferson County.

"The best thing someone can do is check their Social Security record periodically" and make sure the annual earnings match the figures on the income tax return for each year, Higdon said.

"There's no question that he had a rough time, spending 48 hours in jail and another day down at Fort Knox," said Scott C. Cox, the assistant U.S. attorney who is handling the Army's case.

But Cox said the responsibility was Ferguson's.

"He's the one who had the potential to be harmed by the mistaken records, so I think he had an obligation to follow up and make sure action was taken," Cox said.

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Five inmates found to be missing in wake of prison riot

CAMP HILL, Pa. (AP) — Five inmates are missing following the two-day rampage that was put down last week at the Camp Hill state prison, authorities said Monday.

State police and security personnel were continuing building-by-building searches at the prison, according to a statement issued by the Corrections Department. Two buildings have not yet been searched. Also, a thorough search of the burned-out modular housing units had not been completed.

"As of late last night, our inmate population count was off by five. However, the sweeps will continue until the count is reconciled," the statement said.

The statement did not specify whether officials fear the missing inmates are dead or escaped, except to say that there were no reported breaches of the prison fences during the riot and that security has remained heavy

since. Inmates being kept in yards were being closely supervised, the department said.

Corrections Department spokesman Kenneth Robinson did not immediately return a phone call seeking further comment.

Several investigations are expected to begin this week as officials try to determine the cause of the riots, including one by an independent panel to be named by Gov. Robert P. Casey.

On Sunday, Robinson said the situation at the prison was "progressing and calm." He said 744 inmates had been transferred to other state prisons since the prison unrest ended Friday.

More than 100 people were injured during two nights of rioting that left many of the prison's buildings unusable. Six inmates and four prison staffers remained hospitalized Sunday.

While the investigations at Camp Hill continue, authorities

will be investigating in Philadelphia, too, where inmates seized control of a cellblock at Holmesburg Prison for about four hours Saturday night. Corrections Commissioner J. Patrick Gallagher said he intends to bring criminal charges against the inmates responsible for the riot.

Guards recaptured the city prison's "I" Block, fighting with nightsticks as the prisoners fought back with homemade weapons, Gallagher said. Behind the guards, firefighters sprayed water on smoldering mattresses that had been torched by the inmates.

After the riot was put down, 114 Holmesburg inmates and 47 guards were treated or examined at hospitals and nine inmates were admitted.

No guards were admitted, but three of them received severe injuries including multiple broken bones and deep cuts, Gallagher said.

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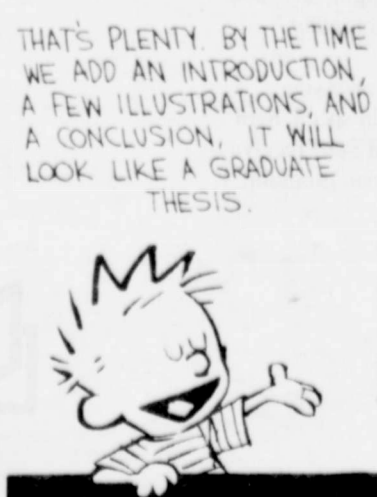
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Nixon says China, U.S. must bridge 'huge' differences

BEIJING (AP) — Former President Richard Nixon said Monday that China and the United States must overcome their "huge and unbridgeable" differences over China's harsh crackdown on dissent and resume cooperation.

Nixon, speaking at a banquet hosted by Premier Li Peng, also called for a "humanely governed China" that won't "turn away from greatness and consign itself to the backwater of oppression and stagnation."

Nixon, on the third day of a private visit, is the most prominent American to come to China since the military assault on student-held Tiananmen Square in June.

He is expected to brief President Bush on his visit, which includes talks with Li on Monday and a scheduled meeting with senior leader Deng Xiaoping on Tuesday.

His message to Chinese officials was clear: conflict over the June killings may never be reconciled, but Washington and Beijing must forge ahead with their relations.

Addressing Li, who ordered martial law troops into Beijing, Nixon said differences between "you, a Chinese Communist who believes in Leninist rule (and) I, an American conservative who believes in capitalism and democracy, are too great to permit a common understanding."

But he added: "Let us not become mired in endless and fruitless recriminations."

The United States and China have indicated they want to resolve one of their deepest rifts since Nixon's historic 1972 visit ended their long freeze in official contacts. Both, however, have called on the other to act first.

When asked about Nixon's statement that it was time to normalize relations, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said: "We have always said that we want to resume good relations with China at some point. The question really is, when and under what conditions? I would say that at this point we have not reached that time and we have not seen the right conditions."

Short Takes

SLO Art Center seeks X-mas crafts

The San Luis Obispo Art Center is now accepting entries from members for its annual Christmas craft/art market scheduled for Nov. 24 through Dec. 31. Deadline for applications — available from the Art Center — is Nov. 12. Those interested in becoming a member of the Art Center can call 543-8562. For more information about the holiday market, call Alice Sennett at 543-8863.

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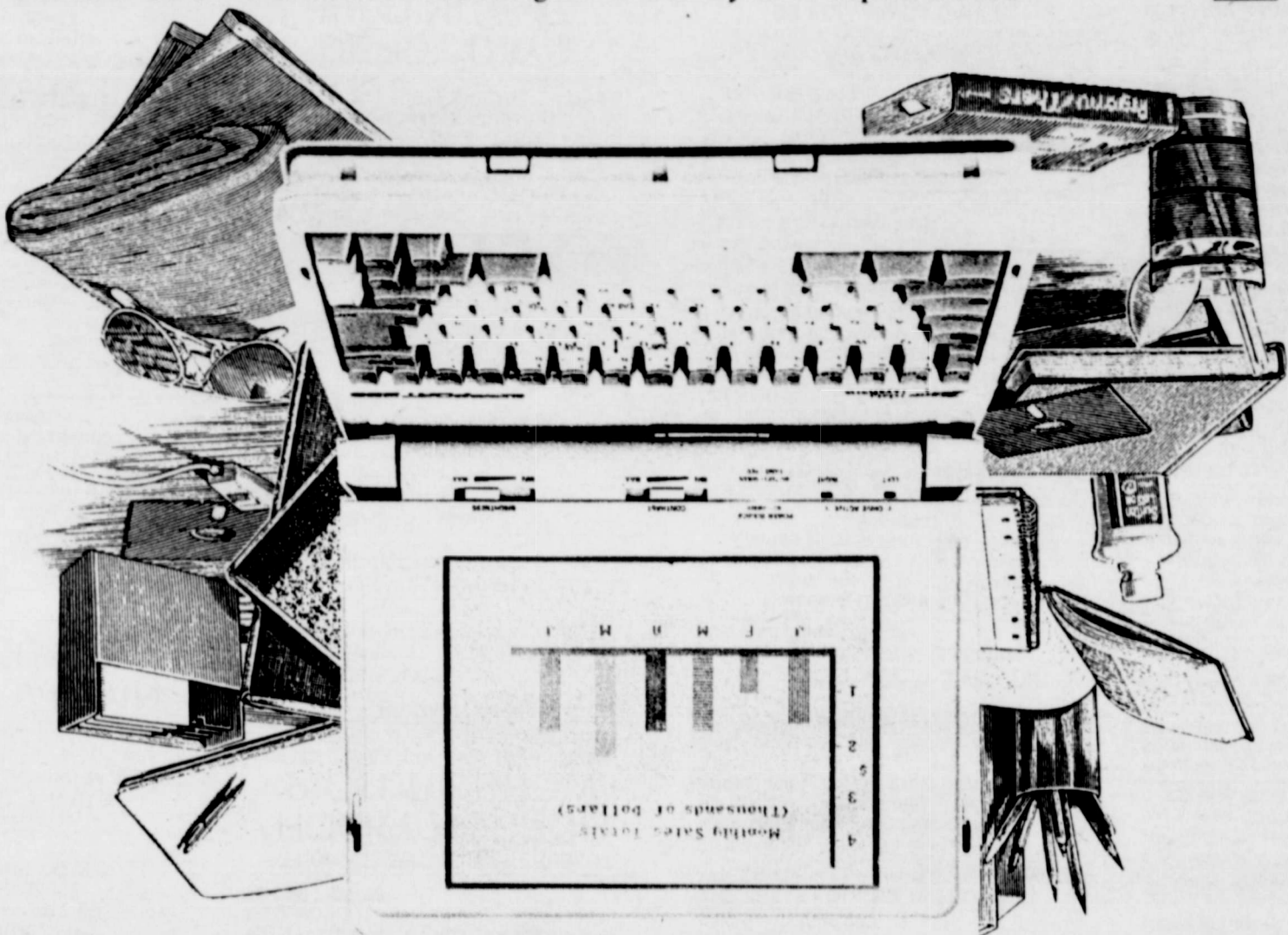
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